

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the

NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE OF N. J.

Monday, April 29th, 1918.

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Negro Welfare League of New Jersey was held on the above date at 13 Central Avenue. Those present were: Mr. W. H. Vail, newly elected president, Rev. J. E. A. Johns, Mr. R. W. Stewart, Mrs. Eugene Gregory, Miss Virginia Robinson, Mrs. E. W. Green, Mr. C. M. Brown, Miss Pendleton and Mr. MacDougall and Mr. Davis W. Lusk, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting and the special meeting were read and confirmed. The treasurer reported that there was a balance in the bank of \$470.50 showing that \$171.76 had been received since April 1st.

In old business, it was reported that Mr. Ashby has been absent since the 6th of April and reports that he is meeting with a large measure of success and expects to be back in Newark by May 1st.

Miss Pendleton reports the satisfactory news that Dr. George E. Haynes, Professor of Sociology, Fisk University, an educational Secretary of the Urban League has been appointed in the Department of Labor as assistant, at Washington to help to adjust ~~was~~ matters regarding Negro Labor.

Mr. MacDougall reported that the committee appointed to call on Col. Bryant saw him and registered a protest with regard to the departments appointing an unfit person in the Department of Labor to look after the employment of colored people. He further reported that it is quite clear now that Col. Bryant has no power whatever, to make an appointment and that the Governor intends to appoint Mr. Ruttler as a payment of some political debt. He suggests making further remonstrance with the Governor direct either through some statement in the paper or by letter, as he thinks the Governor is amenable to public opinion. Mr. Stewart made a motion which was accepted and adopted that Mr. MacDougall, treasurer, draft a letter of remonstrance to the Governor. Miss Pendleton made a motion also, which was adopted, that a committee be appointed to talk to him personally about the matter. The Chairman suggested Dr. Alexander, Dr. Cannon of Jersey City, Mr. Stewart, Mr. MacDougall, Rev. A. H. Mitchell and Miss Pendleton as this

Committee, as it was a feeling that this delegation should not exist entirely of colored people.

Mrs. Pendleton reports that she hears through the Organization Aid Society of Jersey City, that there has been some difficulty in getting the people in Jersey City to understand what the League is trying to accomplish and that like most other people, the colored people there seem to demand something tangible in the way of results. It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that a Committee be appointed to confer with those interested in Jersey City, to see if an office and Executive Secretary cannot be procured shortly. H. B. Pendleton, Mr. A.W. Stewart, Mrs. Gregory were appointed as this Committee.

The next question discussed, was the absolute necessity of getting busy about raising money to carry on the League. Mr. Johns made a motion which was carried after an amendment by Mr. Stewart, that every colored minister shall be appointed on the Committee to get as many members as possible and urged to permit speakers to appear in their churches for the purpose of getting these subscriptions. It was also moved, seconded and carried that Mr. C. A. Brown and Mr. Stewart be appointed a Committee to confer with the chairman of the Finance Committee as to an early agreement to secure at least \$1000 to carry on the work.

Mrs. Pendleton suggested that each member of the Executive Committee should feel bound to secure members, but if a small number of colored people is authorized to approach people they live, she believes that we can thus secure a goodly amount of money. The Associated Charities has a list of five hundred people who ought to give to this cause and this list is at the disposal of the Committee.

The matter of payment for the speakers entertainment at the annual meeting, was referred to the Secretary and Mr. MacDougall for adjustment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary, pro tem.